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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003, Applicants have the following remarks.

A listing of the **claims** in compliance with the revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

A **Declaration** of Edwin L. Madison pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 is attached following page 16 of this paper.